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in concert with regard to the important subjects. Another suggestion made by the Member was that the number of local subjects might be reasonably limited by not allowing them to be brought up before the Assembly in the first instance. He also urged the desirability of placing on record the views of the Assembly as a whole, in regard to important questions, after full discussion. In conclusion, the Member observed that the suggestions, if adopted, would tend to give a coherent character to the collective activity of the Members of the Assembly and prayed that the same might receive the kind consideration of Government.

Dewan's reply.—To the suggestions now made, I would only say in reply that His Highness' Government view with pleasure the steady development of the Popular Assembly since it was organised four years ago. They note with special gratification the moderation which has always characterised its deliberations and the increasing interest taken in those deliberations by His Highness' subjects. I would strongly advise you to leave the matter there, in His Highness' hands. The authority which brought the Assembly into being may well be trusted to develop it on safe and sound lines. I am sure that all of you would bear me out when I say that the policy of His Highness' Government, in their dealings with the Assembly, has always been one of sympathy and helpfulness. The question of making the Assembly of greater help to his Government and of more use to his people is ever present to His Highness' mind.

58. *Appointment of an Advisory Council to the Dewan.*

Mr. A. Krishna Pillai (Member, Kottayam Taluk) suggested the desirability of appointing an Advisory Council to the Dewan consisting of members elected from experienced officers of the State who permanently stay in the country. Such councils exist in the sister States of Mysore and Pudukotta. It would be a source of advantage to the Dewan to have the advice of Councillors who are acquainted with the traditions, history, customs and manners of the people. It would further ensure the maintenance of a continuity of policy in the administration.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestion to organise a Council to help the Dewan does not commend itself to His Highness' Government.

The Assembly adjourned at 2 P. M. and met again at 2-30 P. M.